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In re Application of:)
James B. GODDARD et al.) Group Art Unit: 3672
Application No.: 10/037,219) Examiner: Thompson, Kenneth L.
Filed: November 9, 2001) Confirmation No.: 5658
For: PIPE HAVING WATER-TIGHT)
IN-LINE BELL)

Mail Stop ISSUE FEE
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO PAY BALANCE OF ISSUE FEE


In response to the Notice to Pay Balance of Issue Fee mailed on October 25, 2007, Applicants enclose a check for \$40.00 to cover the balance due in the issue fee payment. Applicants also enclose a copy of the Notice with this Response.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this Response, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Application Number: 10/037219**NOTICE TO PAY BALANCE OF ISSUE FEE**

The issue fee payment filed on 10/15/07 has been received. Although the fee paid in the Notice of Allowance was paid, new patent fees went into effect on September 30, 2007 after the mailing date of the Notice. See the Sections 801 and 803 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818). As stated in Section 803 of the Act, "the provisions of this title shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act. . . the provisions of section 801 shall apply to all patents, whenever granted, and to all patent applications pending on or filed after the effective date [September 30, 2007]. Because the issue fee was paid on or after September 30, 2007, the new issue fee was due instead of the amount specified in the Notice of Allowance."

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.18, applicant is given a time period of **THREE (3) MONTHS** from the mailing date of this notice during which to pay the **BALANCE DUE** indicated below. The balance due is the difference between the issue fee required on the date that the correct issue fee is paid and the amount that was previously paid. This three-month time period may not be extended. If the balance due is not paid before the expiration of the three-month period, the application will become abandoned (if not issued) or the patent will lapse (if issued) at the termination of the three-month period.

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UTILITY or REISSUE	\$1,440.00/ \$720.00	\$ 1400.00	\$ 40.00
DESIGN	\$820.00 / \$410.00	\$	\$
PLANT	\$1,130.00 / \$565.00	\$	\$

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